



UPDATED: Campaign Finance Reform Rule

On February 12, 2002, the House passed H.Res. 344 (described below) by voice vote.

H.Res. 203 (the CFR rule that could have been called up under a motion to discharge) was laid on the table (thereby killing the discharge petition).

The House passed a unanimous consent agreement to set the sequence of the tier-two amendments (detailed below) during consideration on February 13th. The sequence shall be as follows:

Armey, Shays, Armey, Armey, Shays, Armey, Armey, Shays, Armey, Armey, Shays, Armey, Armey, Shays, Armey.

Pursuant to this unanimous consent agreement, there will be **NO GEPHARDT AMENDMENTS**. Tier One will still have up to 3 amendments in the nature of a substitute. Tier Two will now allow up to **15** amendments (10 by Armey, 5 by Shays), though Mr. Shays will only offer up to 3 perfecting amendments.

Below are a few key provisions of H.Res. 344.

- H.R. 2356 will be the base bill.
- All amendments were printed in the Congressional Record at the end of the legislative day of Tuesday, February 12th.
- Consideration will be essentially divided into two tiers.
- Tier-two amendments were announced from the House floor at the end of the legislative day of Tuesday, February 12th.

TIER ONE:

- Amendments in the nature of a substitute (to H.R. 2356) could *only* be offered by the following people in the following order:
 - 1) the Majority Leader
 - 2) Rep. Bob Ney
 - 3) Rep. Chris Shays
- Whichever of these three amendments in the nature of a substitute gets the most votes would be considered as adopted
- Ties would go to the amendment considered latest

TIER TWO:

- After these amendments were considered, it would then be in order to offer amendments (debatable for 20 minutes equally divided) as follows (though not in this order):

- Ten amendments by the Majority Leader
- Five amendments by Rep. Chris Shays or Rep. Martin Meehan
(Sequence detailed above)
- All points of order against amendments in both tiers are waived (except points of order regarding germaneness and the inclusion of tax and tariff provisions). Though no amendment could be amended while it is actually pending, once an amendment passes, it would be considered part of the base bill and therefore subject to amendment.
- One motion to recommit with or without instructions would be in order (previous question considered as ordered).

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